

**SB 5844-S - DIGEST**

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/13/2007)

Revises provisions relating to specialized forest products and specialty wood.

Establishes the specialized forest products work group.

Requires the specialized forest products work group to review the current specialized forest products statute, chapter 76.48 RCW, as well as applicable theft laws. The specialized forest products work group must evaluate the statute, as well as its application, and make recommendations, if any, to ensure that the specialized forest products requirements: Provide reasonable tools for law enforcement and reasonably protect landowners from theft; are not unduly burdensome to harvesters, those possessing or transporting specialized forest products, or cedar or specialty wood processors or buyers; are clear and may be readily understood by law enforcement and the public; and are administered and enforced consistently throughout the state.

Requires the specialized forest products work group to provide a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature containing its recommendations, as well as draft legislation implementing its recommendations, by December 1, 2007.